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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Gary R. Hammerslag
 App. No : 09/993,296
 Filed : November 14, 2001
 For : FOOTWEAR LACING SYSTEM
 Examiner : James R. Brittain
 Art Unit : 3677

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.

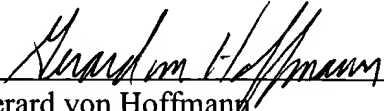
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FEE CALCULATION				
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			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$225

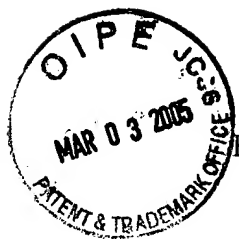
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 30, 2004, Applicant elects without traverse Species I identified by the Examiner. Claims 1, 2, 4-18, and 22-33 read on Species I. Claims 1 and 7-18 are generic.

Pursuant to the above election, Claims 1-18, and 22-33 remain pending for consideration.

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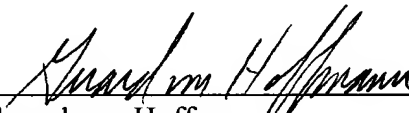
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If any pending issues remain or if any issues require further clarification, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicant's representative at the number indicated below in order to promptly resolve such issues. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 2/28/05

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